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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

HALBROOK, Wendell B., et. al.

Examiner: Hess, Bruce H.

Serial No.: 10/036,725

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Title: THERMAL PAPER WITH PREPRINTED INDICIA

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

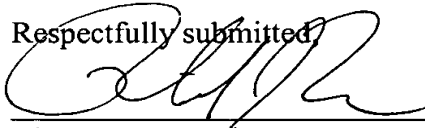
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the requirement to elect a species dated June 3, 2003, Applicants elect the species which comprises a thermosensitive recording material having a back coating which incorporates Fluorescent compounds. Claims 1-3, 4-9 and 14-16 read on the elected species. Support for the elected species is found on page 7, lines 22-24 and page 8, lines 8-17. With the finding of allowable subject matter, Applicants request the examination be extended to thermochromic compounds, photochromic compounds NIRF compounds, in that order, until all claims are found to be allowable or a rejection is made.

No fee is believed to be due with this response, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted



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